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Amendment "A" and Request Extension of Time

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 7, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows. The 3 month period of time for responding to the Office Action expired on June 7, 2006. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended, for one month, to July 7, 2006. The \$60 extension of time fee (small entitiy) is enclosed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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